

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 12, 2009, refers to an amendment document filed on 11/25/2008 and 2/22/2008. Applicants clarify for the record that the document filed on November 25, 2008 was a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 25, 2008. No claim amendments were presented in that response. The document filed on February 22, 2008, was a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 16, 2008, in which the claims listed in Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 filed November 5, 2007, were considered to be non-compliant for failing to recite a complete listing of all claims presented during the pendency of this application. In that February 22, 2008 response, Applicants submitted a replacement "Amendments to the Claims" section, wherein Claims 1-19, which were previously canceled in the Amendment filed April 1, 2004, were properly identified as having been canceled.

This most recent Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment now objects to claim 36 as containing newly added subject matter that is not underlined and deletions that are not indicated, as required under 37 CFR §1.121. Applicants acknowledge that in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 filed November 5, 2007, these errors were inadvertently introduced into claim 36. Thus, in rewriting previously dependent claim 36 into independent form, lines 1-9 from the previous base claim, i.e., claim 31, were added to claim 36 without properly being underlined. Also, in copying these lines, the amendment "~~at least one a~~", which had been made to line 4 of claim 31, was improperly incorporated into lines 4 and 5 of claim 36.

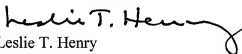
Applicants submit herewith a replacement "Amendments to the Claims" section, wherein the errors identified in claim 36 have been corrected. Support for the amendments to claim 36 reside in its prior dependency on claim 31, as well as in the specification, as noted on pages 7 and 8 of Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 filed November 5, 2007.

Claims 20-24, 26, 28-38, 40, and 42-44 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this replacement "Amendments to the Claims" section into the record of the above-identified application and to proceed with examination of this application in accordance with these amendments and in view of the comments provided in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 filed November 5, 2007.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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